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# Outrage directed at HRM council

► Former school costs region thousands of dollars in utilities and currently brings in zero in property taxes ► Downtown development and density is a good thing: Coun. Tim Outhit



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"Shame!" yelled Rev. Rhonda Britton from the gallery of Halifax regional council last night.

"At the push of a button, you wipe out a community. It is a shame."

Britton didn't leave council chambers quietly after council voted 18-4 to award a contract to Jono Developments Inc. for a mixed-use residential project on the site of the former St. Patrick's-Alexandra School.

Coun. Dawn Sloane tried to get council to defer the decision for a month for "public education" but was voted down.

Britton and a few other community members were outraged at the lack of community consultation. They also didn't like the fact three non-profit groups landed at the bottom of the list of

applicants to develop the land.

"You have not asked us what we would like in our community," Britton yelled towards council chambers from the hallway.

She said she found out about the request for proposals last summer, 12 days before it was due and couldn't get together a competitive proposal in that time.

"How can you convince me you are going to develop some condos on that land that are going to sit next door to Uniacke Square?" she said. "How long will it be before you now want to wipe out Uniacke Square and send those residents somewhere else?"

Sloane pleaded for more time as the community deals with four upcoming developments in the area.

"I'm not trying to kill development. I'm trying to get the right development," she said.

Other councillors raised ques-



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**"This community has  
been waiting to be  
heard for a long, long  
time."**

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tions of legality. And others doubted anything would change if the decision was put off.

Coun. Russell Walker said the development will require a rezoning so that the residents will be able to speak at a public hearing then.

## Hockey. Sandwich



► Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Austyn Hardie crunches Bathurst Titan forward Alec Jon Banville — and the linesman — into the boards during the third period of the Herd's 4-3 win last night at the Metro Centre. Story, page 23.

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# \$2.4M provincial grant covers NSCAD deficit

- Merger not recommended but not ruled out by province
- NSCAD president says school must remain independent



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The province has given the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design three months to draw up a plan for financial sustainability.

That was one of the conditions Labour and Advanced Education Minister Marilyn More attached to a one-time \$2.4-million grant to address NSCAD's 2011-12 budget deficit.

"I think, now that (NSCAD's board members) understand the gravity of the situation, I feel they deserve every chance possible to be part of the solution," she said yesterday.

But it's not entirely clear what happens on March 31 if the province doesn't approve of the fine-arts institution's plan.

"My department will obviously review the plan ... but government will have to consider its options at that time," said More, who declined to say what those options might be.

More said NSCAD's financial woes largely stem from the decision to proceed with a new waterfront campus without having enough funding.

In a report released yesterday, ex-deputy minister Howard Windsor revealed the university went ahead with the project despite failing to secure \$4.75 mil-



► NSCAD student Kara Highfield puts together a piece for the annual ceramics department open house at NSCAD's waterfront campus yesterday.



► Marilyn More

lion from the federal government. NSCAD also failed to fundraise as much as it hoped for the project.

The result, according to Windsor, was "a significant financial burden" to the university.

David Smith, the current president of NSCAD, declined to comment on the Port Campus decision — which was made by his predecessor. Smith said the board will consider every option to cut down on costs

— except a merger with another institution.

"We're going to look at everything," said Smith, who has seen three deficits in his five-year tenure as president.

In addition to the sustainability report, the province is demanding NSCAD examine opportunities for collaboration with other universities, and will appoint a "facilitator" to report back to government on NSCAD's progress.

## MLA pensions take a hit under new legislation

MLA pensions will no longer be quite so gold-plated.

The NDP government introduced legislation yesterday that would implement almost all recommendations made by an independent three-person panel in a report on MLA pensions released last month.

The government however declined to reduce the time a MLA has to serve before they are eligible for a pension.

The panel recommended reducing the eligibility period from five years to two — meaning politicians would only have to be elected once to be eligible.

"A lot of plans are now moving into immediate vesting," said Premier Darrell Dexter.

"We thought in this case, it seemed like the five-year, two-election process is pretty fair.... It was one of those things — from an actuarial perspective, it looked reasonable to the members of the panel, but for us, we said we'll leave it where it was."

Under the current system, a politician serving for five years at the base salary of \$86,619 would be eligible for a pension of about \$21,540 a year. Under the new legislation, that pension would drop to about \$15,160.

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# Damage to baby's brain unclear, doctor tells trial

► Four month old died on July 27, 2009 at IWK Health Centre  
 ► Trial off for rest of week, resumes on Monday

A neuropathologist says he can't definitively determine whether a baby who died two years ago was shaken or struck.

Dr. Robert Macaulay testified yesterday he examined the seven-week-old child's brain, spinal cord and eyes before completing a report in November 2009, four months after Aurora Breakthrough died.

Ashiqur Rahman, the infant's father, has pleaded not guilty to charges of manslaughter and aggravated assault in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

The baby's mother, Jane Gomes, pleaded guilty last year to a charge of failing to provide the necessities of life and received a conditional discharge with six months of probation. She testified last week that she witnessed Rahman slapping and shaking their baby.

Macaulay said he provided a pathologist's report to medical examiner Marnie Wood, who concluded "non-accidental trauma" was the cause of death.

Macaulay also said there were "cavitations" in the brain tissue — meaning tears that left gaps in the brain — which occurred more than two weeks before the child's death.

He testified at the trial by judge alone that he defers to Dr. William Halliday, who submitted



► Ashiqur Rahman is seen through courtroom door window at Nova Scotia Supreme Court yesterday. Rahman is charged with manslaughter in the death of his infant daughter.

another report that concluded trauma was the likeliest cause of the damage to the brain tissue.

Crown prosecutor Mark Heerema asked Macaulay if he agreed that some of the signs of trauma are different for children than they are for adults in brain injuries.

Macaulay agreed there were differences and said some of the signs of head trauma he was looking for are less common in

children.

Outside court, Heerema said Macaulay's testimony supports the Crown's medical evidence.

Defence lawyer Donald Murray said outside court the pathologist showed that while there is evidence the child suffered some form of violence weeks prior to her death, there isn't proof that's why she died.

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► Jane Gomes

## Timberlea MetroX gets green light from council

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Halifax council has chosen a cheaper option to build a MetroX site in Timberlea.

Staff negotiated with the Canadian National Baptist Convention to buy a 6.5-acre lot in Sheldrake Lake for \$100,000, and offered council five options on what to build on the site.

The first and most expensive is to build a standard park-and-ride for MetroX, but option two was to build the lot without a bus loop. Council voted 20-2 to buy the land and 16-6 to go with second option. A few councillors wanted to buy the land and hold onto it for now.

"This one is a hard one to buy into," said Coun.

Debbie Hum. "I'm struggling with this to invest at this level."

Option two comes with a construction cost of \$357,000. That's \$219,000 less than the first option.

Coun. Peter Lund said the MetroX in nearby Tantallon is tremendously successful and the Timberlea addition will be as well.

"I feel very confident

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How many the MetroX service in Timberlea could serve people a day at maximum capacity.

you will see the ridership numbers there," he said.

## Council votes to clean up old rehab site

It will be a clean, but expensive piece of municipally-owned land.

Halifax regional council voted yesterday to spend an extra \$150,000 to clean hydrocarbons and other contaminants from the demolition site on the former Halifax County Regional Rehabilitation Centre on Bissett Road in Cole Harbour. It's already a \$2 million demolition project ongoing for years, and delayed by a fire on the site in 2010. The contaminants were a surprise find under a slab of the south building.

Staff are currently working on a report with recommendations for council to decide what should be done with the land once the demolition and clean up is finished. Phillip Townsend, director of planning and infrastructure, told council yesterday that residents



► Coun. Sue Uteck

they consulted are in favour of keeping at least most of it as public land.

"It's our feeling this area of the site that has the buildings on it will probably remain in public ownership," Townsend said.

The rest of the land may be sold to developers.

"So we're going to have a \$3 million grass field?" asked Coun. Sue Uteck.

Townsend responded by saying that decision would be up to council.

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

## Oval about two weeks away: Councillor

Santa may have a big, oval-shaped Christmas present for Halifax this year.

It may be hard to believe from the warm weather and the amount of work happening on the Halifax Common, but the oval is about two weeks away. Coun. Dawn Sloane said she's heard the official opening could be as early as Dec. 23, but has not confirmed that date.

Yesterday, Halifax regional council ratified the sponsorship con-

tracts for the oval. Emera is paying \$500,000 for 10 years for naming rights to the oval itself, and Molson Coors is paying \$400,000 for 10 years for naming rights to the events plaza. And there's room for more.

Coun. Sue Uteck said other sponsors have come forward since the sponsorship deals were made public.

Peter Bigelow, real property planning manager for HRM, assured council yesterday there are several other sponsorship opportunities open for the oval.

He said even with the Molson and Emera signage, there are still fewer flags than there were for last year's Canada Winter Games. ● JENNIFER TAPLIN

## HRM seeks solar panel supplier

Council voted last night to issue a request for proposals to supply and install solar panels for the Solar City pilot project.

The project would

allow residents to use HRM as a one-stop-shop to install solar panels to heat hot water.

HRM would take care of the applications for provincial and federal rebates as well as installation, and residents could choose to pay for it in installments through their property taxes.

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# Program aims to give steady flow of jobs

► Irving shipyard in Halifax responsible for building 21 vessels as part of the \$25B combat-ship contract

The last time Ottawa promised a new era in Canadian shipbuilding, it didn't end well for Douglas Nofzell.

The 59-year-old was among the last group of workers who walked out of the Irving shipyard in Saint John, N.B., in 2003 after spending much of his working life at the once-bustling facility.

The closure of the yard, which at its peak employed more than 3,000 people who built high-tech frigates, left highly specialized workers struggling to find new work, Nofzell said.

"A lot of guys got divorced and lost homes and houses," he said. "A lot of guys committed suicide."

The federal government says this time will be different as it launches a \$35-billion program to build Canada's next fleet of combat and non-combat ships, with Halifax's Irving Shipyard coming out the big winner.

## Jobs

► Atlantic Provinces Economic Council estimates 11,500 jobs would be created in Nova Scotia, with 1,700 directly at the Halifax Shipyard.

The national shipbuilding procurement program aims to end the boom and bust cycle of the industry and replace it with a steady flow of work to sustain highly skilled jobs over 20 to 30 years.

John Shaw, a vice-president at Seaspan, said he doesn't believe a collapse in work will occur for his company.

Shaw said there will be further opportunities to build yet-to-be-tendered coast guard ships beyond the non-combat contract.

"We feel we would be one of the two competitive shipyards in Canada," he said. "We would be in a competitive situation to look forward to those ad-



► Jim Irving, CEO of Irving Shipbuilding, chats with Premier Darrell Dexter before the Irving-owned Halifax Shipyard was announced the winner of the \$25-billion shipbuilding contract.

ditional coast guard vessels."

He said Seaspan could also compete to bid on polar icebreakers required

by other countries.

Officials with Irving did not return messages seeking comment.

Peter Cairns, president

of the Shipbuilding Association of Canada, agrees with Shaw, saying he believes Ottawa has learned to space work out and

concentrate it in a few yards.

The key to sustainability will be timing, he said.

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► Douglas Nofzell stands near the Irving shipyard in Saint John, N.B., which once employed more than 3,000 people who built high-tech frigates.

## Yards face challenges

In Saint John, Douglas Nofzell, a former Irving shipyard worker, said even the shipyards that won the multibillion-dollar deals like those in Halifax will face major challenges, including the need to make upgrades and overcome trained worker shortages.

"They're going to need experienced shipbuilders. There's not that many yet," he said.

"You can't just throw a lot of graduates out of school and expect to build a ship. People don't realize how much there is to it. There's a lot to it."

But he said he's hopeful this shipbuilding contract will work out better for people who devote their working lives to the military projects.

"They're not going to close the door in their face

## Spread the work

► Paul-Andre Brulotte of the Union of Shipyard Workers of Lauzon says Ottawa could have spread the work around more evenly and still have created pockets of shipbuilding expertise

across the country.

► "We could have had enough work (from Ottawa) for the next 15 or 18 years and three yards could have modernized and progressed to the point where they could do better in the commercial sector," he said.

like they did here," he said. "It's still a bitter pill for

me to swallow."

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## Man caught at Halifax airport with child porn

A California man was sentenced to 108 days in jail yesterday after he was caught at the Halifax airport with child pornography on his laptop computer.

Robert William Matheson, 66, of Sierra Madre pleaded guilty in Dart-

mouth provincial court to possessing and smuggling child pornography, Jason Cannon of the Canada Border Services Agency said.

In late October, Matheson was subjected to a secondary search by border officers at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport

## In jail

► Robert Williams Matheson will serve his time at the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside.

and a search of his computer turned up more than

2,000 photographs and about 300 video clips of teenage boys engaged in sex acts.

Officers also found 10 text stories involving the sexual exploitation of young boys by family members and persons of trust, he said. ● ALY THOMSON

## Hateful graffiti leads to charges for teens

Three teens have been charged with mischief after racist and religious insults were spray-painted on a business in the Sheet Harbour area.

Halifax RCMP say pink spray paint was also used to

deface sidewalks and traffic signs.

The Mounties are also accusing the trio of breaking into a local funeral home.

All three are charged with break and enter.

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## BUSINESSES BREAK AWAY

## Hydrostone to form own BID

Hydrostone-area businesses were given the OK to go it alone yesterday after Halifax regional council granted the request of 16 business owners who wanted out of the North End Business Improvement District.

These businesses, mostly with Young Street addresses, say

they are a community of interest and have informally operated as the Hydrostone District Business Association. But some councillors argued the move would encourage businesses in other districts to pull out of BIDs, leaving big holes in their budgets.

Besides, Coun. Jerry Blumenthal said, the North End BID doesn't incorporate all of the North End, just Gittingen and Agricola streets, and Hydrostone. "And what do they have in common?" he said.

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

## Anti-crime videos debuted by police

Halifax police are going viral. The department has taken to YouTube with a crime-prevention series to help stop residents from becoming victims.

Spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said the themes are simple but "get the point across."

"We realize people's time is precious," he said. "This just gives us another avenue to reach people in the leisure of their own home."

In the first video, community response officer George Farmer shares tips for homeowners to protect their residences from thieves.

## YouTube

Watch the web series at [youtube.com/hfxregpolice](http://youtube.com/hfxregpolice)

In the four-minute video, Farmer recommends leaving a light on if you're going out for the evening and waiting until after you return from a vacation before posting it on Facebook, among other tips.

The series will also cover topics such as preventing theft from vehicles, Internet safety, cyber-bullying, personal safety and identity theft, Palmeter said.

● ALY THOMSON

## Don't stuff kids' stockings with lotto tickets: Expert



► Kids are drawn to the colours and games of scratch-and-win tickets, but they are not appropriate gifts for children, many experts agree.

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► Scratch-and-wins can lead to gambling problems for youth down the road, McGill professor says



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Lotto scratch tickets are one of the earliest forms of gambling that can lead to future addiction, a youth gambling expert says.

Dr. Jerry Derevensky, director of the International Centre for Youth Gambling Problems and High-Risk Behaviours at McGill University, reiterated the centre's annual holiday message yesterday, urging parents not to buy lottery tickets for their kids as stocking stuffers and gifts.

The Nova Scotia Gaming Corp., the National Council on Problem Gambling and lotteries across North America and Europe are also partnering with the centre to raise awareness.

"The people that go on to have gambling-related problems actually tell us when they were young they were getting lottery tickets," Derevensky said.

Even more than Lotto

**"The people that go on to have gambling-related problems actually tell us when they were young they were getting lottery tickets."**

DR. JERRY DEREVENSKY,  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY

6-49 or LottoMax tickets, Derevensky said children enjoy the colours and games of scratch-and-win cards.

He also warned that a "big win" early on, even as low as \$20, puts youth at risk of developing an addiction.

He said between four per cent and six per cent of youth have a serious gambling problem, a higher percentage than among adults.

"Some of these individuals become preoccupied with gambling. Some go on to stealing money or selling personal possessions in order to acquire tickets," he said.

## A lottery ticket for Junior? Scratch that idea

Bob MacKinnon, CEO of

the Nova Scotia Gaming Corp., is urging parents to think of alternative gifts for their children.

"While they may seem innocuous, lottery or scratch tickets are forms of gambling and they are not appropriate gifts for kids," MacKinnon said.

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## News in brief

## Mill bailout closer to law

**BOWATER.** The province is moving forward with legislation enshrining a \$50-million bailout for the Bowater pulp and paper mill.

The bill received minor amendments in the law amendments committee yesterday.

The bailout includes \$25 million in forgivable capital loans over five years, and \$23.75 million for the purchase of land from Bowater.

The NDP added "lands of Mi'kmaq interest" as a priority for that land purchase, in addition to

lands of high conservation value.

Only two members of the public showed up to speak about the bill, including the Ecology Action Centre's Matt Miller.

● ALEX BOUTILIER

## Divide HRM, residents say

**POLL.** The majority of residents living in HRM support a division of the region into two urban and rural units, a new survey suggests. And residents have supported such a split for the past five years, a release from Corporate Research Associates Inc. says.

The survey says 53 per cent support dividing up HRM, with 32 per cent opposed.

The CRA poll surveyed 400 HRM adults from Nov. 2 to 16 and is accurate within 4.9 percentage points. ● METRO

## Cop injured in fender-bender

**ASSAULT CALL.** A traffic collision yesterday sent an officer to hospital and damaged a police cruiser.

Police say the officer was responding to an assault in progress at 9:25 a.m. when the cruiser crossed the intersection of Connaught Avenue and Chebucto Road and was struck on the passenger side by another vehicle.

The driver of the other vehicle wasn't hurt and the officer was treated for minor injuries and released. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



# Gunman kills Belgian shoppers

► Hundreds flee as grenades lobbed into market, bullets fired  
► Attacker found dead at scene

Summoned for questioning by Belgian police, a man with a history of weapons and drug offences left home armed with hand grenades, a revolver and an assault rifle. Stopping at a central square filled with holiday shoppers, he lobbed three grenades into the crowd, then opened fire.

Four people were killed, including an 18-month-old toddler, and 122 were wounded in the assault yesterday.

Authorities said the shooter also died.

The midday attack in the eastern Belgian city of Liege sent hundreds of panicked shoppers stampeding down the cobbled streets of the

## Italy attack

► In Italy yesterday, a man opened fire in an outdoor market in Florence, killing two vendors from Senegal and wounding three other immigrants before killing himself. Investigators identified the attacker as 50-year-old Gianluca Casseri, and RAI state TV said he was known to police for having participated in racist marches by an extreme right-wing group.

old city. Belgian authorities identified the shooter as Nordine Amrani, a 33-year-old Liege resident.

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► Police officers guard the street, following a grenade attack in the city centre of Liege, Belgium, yesterday.

## Brother made up story: Crown

A Montreal family accused of killing three children concocted a story that could help absolve them of guilt and told a surviving child to go along with it — but he slipped up, prosecutors alleged in court yesterday.

Mohammad Shafia, 58,

his wife Tooba Yahya, 42, and their son Hamed, 20, have told police that the night of the deaths, their eldest daughter came into their motel room to borrow the car keys.

The Crown alleges the women were killed before

the family checked into the motel.

Another brother was under cross-examination yesterday, and Crown attorney Gerard Laarhuis hammered him about his statement to police that Zainab came to the motel room that night

to borrow his cellphone. Laarhuis suggested that never happened, and that inconsistent statements to police that it might have been his mother who wanted to borrow his phone, point to a mistake on his part. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Inmate takes prison worker hostage

A corrections employee taken hostage by an inmate was freed after a nine-hour ordeal yesterday at a federal prison in Quebec's Eastern Townships.

The inmate barricaded himself in a room in the

Cowansville penitentiary, locking himself there with the worker who was in the area with him.

Corrections Service of Canada said nobody was injured in the incident at the medium-security prison, which holds 410 male inmates.

Authorities wouldn't confirm the victim was female. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Depressed? Try Facebook

- Social media giant launches 'chat' service to prevent suicides
- Aim is to improve safety on site

Facebook is making it easier for people who express suicidal thoughts on the social networking site to get help.

A program launched yesterday enables users to instantly connect with a crisis counsellor through Facebook's messaging system.

The service is the latest tool from Facebook aimed at improving safety on its site, which has more than

**"One of the big goals here is to get the person in distress into the right help as soon as possible."**

FRED WOLANS, FACEBOOK'S PUBLIC POLICY MANAGER

800 million users. Earlier this year, Facebook announced changes to how users report bullying, offensive content and fake profiles.

Through email, Facebook has been directing users to the hotline or en-

couraging friends to call for help. The new service goes a step further.

How the service works is if a friend spots a suicidal thought on someone's page, he can report it to Facebook by clicking a link next to the comment. Face-

book then sends an email to the person who posted the suicidal comment encouraging them to call the hotline or click on a link to begin a confidential chat.

Google and Yahoo have long provided the phone number to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline as the first result when someone searches for "suicide" using their sites.

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## Ukraine. Protest



► A supporter of former Ukrainian prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko holds a poster outside the Appellate Court in Kyiv yesterday. The red writing reads "Freedom for Ukraine."

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## Showing their support

The Kyiv Court of Appeal yesterday began considering an appeal filed by Yulia Tymoshenko. The former Ukrainian prime minister was sentenced to seven years in prison in October for abuse of authority while negotiating a gas contract with Russia in a case the West has condemned as politically motivated.

## Doc's wife admits to illegal abortions

The wife of a Philadelphia doctor has admitted performing illegal abortions at a filthy clinic that authorities describe as a "house of horrors."

Court documents indicate Pearl Gosnell pleaded guilty yesterday to charges including performing two

late-term abortions.

Gosnell is the wife of Kermit Gosnell, who is charged in the deaths of seven babies and a woman who died of a painkiller overdose.

Authorities say babies born alive were killed at the west Philadelphia clinic by having their spinal cords severed with scissors.

Besides the Gosnells, eight others were also charged in the case. Several have already pleaded guilty.

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► Look who's in our house: From left, Cathy Santos (BD), Maria Luciano, Nicole Druken, Annie Skelding, Caitlin Holdbrook (BD), Eva Baginska (BD) and Jillian Lewis (UNICEF Canada).

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## Make Metro's house a home run

It's not just readership that Metro builds. We're also pretty good at building ... the Metro gingerbread house! UNICEF Canada has challenged nine media outlets to decorate gingerbread houses to raise awareness for the UNICEF Survival Gifts campaign. And you can help us. Go to [facebook.com/UNICEF-Canada](http://facebook.com/UNICEF-Canada) and Like the photo of our Metro gingerbread house. If you help Metro get the most Likes, UNICEF's corporate sponsor, BD, will donate — in our name — a real UNICEF survival tent to a community in need.

## A call to de-cell cars

### ► U.S. panel wants states to crackdown on cellphones

U.S. states should ban all driver use of cellphones and other portable electronic devices, except in emergencies, the National Transportation Safety Board said yesterday.

The recommendation applies to hands-free and hand-held phones and exceeds any state laws on texting and cellphone use behind the wheel.

The board spoke out about a deadly pileup in

**"No call, no text, no update is worth a human life."**

NTSB CHAIR DEBORAH HERSMAN

Missouri. It said it was caused by a 19-year-old pickup driver who sent or received 11 texts in the 11 minutes before the crash.

The pickup crashed into the back of a tractor truck. The pickup was rear-ended by a school bus.

A second school bus rammed into the back of the first bus. The pickup driver and a 15-year-old student on one of the school buses were killed.

Thirty-eight other people were injured.

While the NTSB doesn't have the power to impose restrictions, its recommendations carry significant weight with federal regulators

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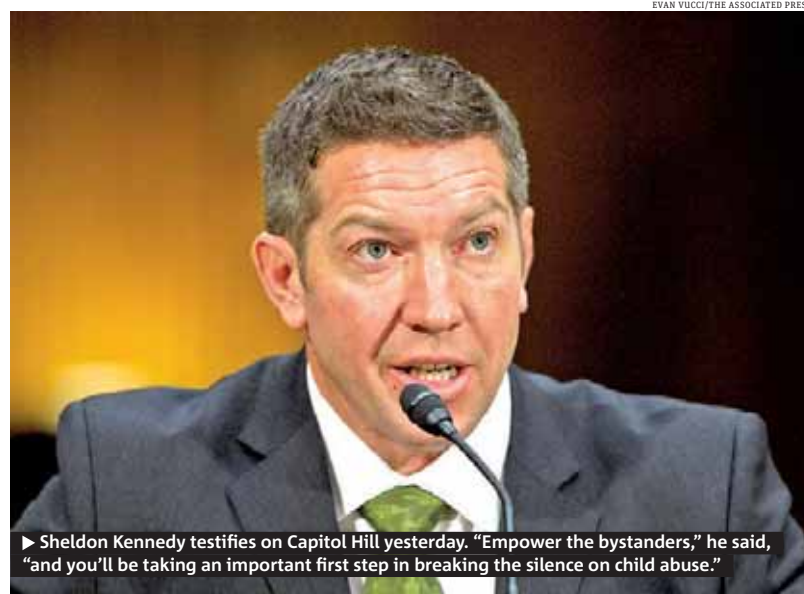


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► Sheldon Kennedy testifies on Capitol Hill yesterday. "Empower the bystanders," he said, "and you'll be taking an important first step in breaking the silence on child abuse."

## Kennedy's crusade

► Ex-NHLer urges U.S. lawmakers to end the code of silence on abuse ► People who suspect something is wrong must act on their 'gut feelings,' he declares

Sheldon Kennedy stepped into the U.S. spotlight yesterday, urging lawmakers to "empower" anyone who suspects children are being sexually abused.

Under the glare of TV cameras, the former NHL player matter-of-factly told of the ordeal he suffered at the hands of his once-trusted hockey coach, Graham James.

"My abuser was International Hockey Man of the Year," Kennedy, 42, told the Senate hearing examining child abuse laws.

"In Canada, that gave him almost God-like status. Sound familiar?"

**"Senators, you need to give all adults working with youth and all parents the tools to recognize and respond to abuse when it first arises."**

SHELDON KENNEDY

"The kids — and often their parents too — looked up to him as a hero."

"This was someone who could make their dreams come true and he used

that trust to hurt them."

Pedophiles count on the fact that most people have trouble believing trusted adults in their fields — coaches, teachers, priests — would ever abuse children, Kennedy added.

James was convicted of some 350 sexual-abuse charges and served three and a half years in prison. He was quietly pardoned in 2007 — touching off a national firestorm.

Last week, James pleaded guilty to fresh allegations of sexual assault. He will be sentenced in February.

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## Sandusky says he'll fight to the end in sex-abuse case

MATT ROURE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky is vowing, in his lawyer's words, to "fight to the death" in his child molestation case.

But Sandusky opted against a preliminary hearing yesterday, sparing his accusers from making their claims in a packed courtroom.

Sandusky's lawyer, Joseph Amendola, said: "There will be no plea



► Sandusky

negotiations."

The credibility of the witnesses would be a key issue. He said he believed some of the young men may have trumped up their claims

and others may come forward in a bid for monetary gain.

Sandusky, 67, is charged with more than 50 counts that accuse him of sexually abusing 10 boys over the span of 12 years.

He has denied the allegations, which led to the departures of long-time Penn State football coach Joe Paterno and the university president.

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► In this Sept. 15, 2010 photo, range officer Patrick Deegan aims a long gun at a private range in Calgary.

JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Fight over registry data could go to SCC

► Ottawa has thus far refused to save long-gun records

A battle over the federal gun registry appears headed for the justice system, with experts wondering whether the issue will ultimately be decided by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Quebec announced yesterday that it is preparing for a legal fight with the federal government should the latter pass legislation to abolish the long-gun registry.

The province said it would use the courts to save the registry data,

which it wants to continue using. "I find it unfair for Quebecers, who helped pay for this registry, that data that concerns them is being destroyed without it being offered to the Quebec government," said Public Security Minister Robert Dutil.

"Therefore, as soon as C-19 is passed, the Quebec government will go to court to obtain the data in the registry that concerns Quebecers."

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### Opposition

- Ottawa has balked at handing over the data.
- Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault has said destroying the data would violate the letter and spirit of the Library and Archives of Canada Act.
- Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart has urged caution in destroying the data

### CALGARY

## Police say drivers using Twitter to avoid checks

The police chief in Calgary is concerned that drivers in the city are using Twitter to help impaired motorists avoid roadside checks.

Rick Hanson says tweets are being sent out on the social media site to alert drivers to checkstop locations.

Hanson says he doesn't know why anyone would want to protect an impaired driver from being apprehended.

He also says he can't understand how assisting a drunk driver benefits society.

Hanson admits the tweets do help publicize the fact that police are out and about.

He notes that checkstops move frequently and could set up in locations where drivers weren't expecting them.

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## Gun found in donated clothes bag

Volunteers in Didsbury were shocked to find a sawed-off shotgun in a bag of donated clothes Monday.

Residents at the Knox United Church Thrift Store were organizing donations when they found the unloaded .22-calibre rifle.

RCMP has sent it away to Regina for ballistics analysis. ● METRO



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# Bus crash kills 15 children

▶ National discussion rages over poor condition of Chinese school buses

A school bus taking primary students home slipped off a country road into an irrigation ditch in eastern China, killing 15 children.

Workers at a nearby factory heard cries for help

and rushed to the overturned bus, broke open the windows and began pulling children out.

At least 15 children died and eight others were injured, one of them seriously, said a spokesman for

the Jiangsu provincial government. The official Xinhua News Agency said yesterday the bus was carrying 29 students and was designed for 52 people, so was not overloaded.

On Monday, a school

bus was hit by a truck in Guangdong, injuring 37 students. Last month, 19 children and two adults were killed when a kindergarten van crashed head-on with a truck in Gansu.

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## South Koreans vent anger at Chinese

Angry South Koreans slammed Chinese fishermen as "pirates" yesterday, while President Lee Myung-bak vowed to spend more on policing the country's waters after a Chinese boat captain allegedly stabbed a coast guard officer to death.

During a protest at the Chinese Embassy in Seoul, a right-wing demonstrator

rammed his SUV three times into a police bus guarding the building while others defaced a Chinese flag. A popular South Korean Internet post called for the shelling of illegal Chinese fishing boats.

The JoongAng Ilbo daily newspaper called the fishermen "pirates" in a front-page headline.

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## China studies Seychelles' naval offer

China yesterday said it is considering an offer from the Seychelles to host Chinese naval ships in the Indian Ocean island nation, highlighting the increasing global reach of

a navy that recently launched its first aircraft carrier.

State-run media gave prominent coverage to the Seychelles offer to allow rest and resupply for Chinese ships in the multinational force conducting anti-piracy patrols off the coast of Somalia, which China has joined since late 2008. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Canadian debt up while income down

► Household debt has risen about twice the rate of income: StatsCan





Canadians keep taking on more debt even as they get poorer, a new Statistics Canada report shows

Average household debt hit a new record high of almost 153 per cent to disposable income in the third quarter, a sizable jump from 150.7 per cent the previous quarter, the agency reported yesterday.

As well, household net worth declined by 2.1 per cent to \$180,100 from \$184,700, the sharpest drop in almost three years as the value of pensions and stock investments declined.

The report came after Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney again warned about the dangers of household debt poses to the economy going forward. Canadians are more indebted now than the Americans and British, he said, adding that they need to move to bring debt accumulation in line with income growth.

But analysts cautioned against taking too dark a

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view over household finances. "It's not black and white," said Benjamin Tal, a senior economist with CIBC World Markets. Most debt accumulation is from mortgages, and unlike the U.S. before the sub-prime fiasco, the segment of home buyers considered "marginal" in Canada is very small.

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## McDonald's racks up lobbying bill

McDonald's Corp. spent \$460,000 lobbying the U.S. federal government in the third quarter, on issues including immigration, menu labelling and debit card fees.

That amount represent-

ed a 48 per cent increase from the same period a year ago, when it spent \$310,000 on federal lobbying costs, according to disclosure reports filed with the House of Representatives. It was also up from the second quarter, when it spent \$370,000.

The world's biggest burger chain lobbied Congress, the White House, the Department of Labor and the



Department of Health and Human Services on the sweeping health-care changes that were signed into law in March 2010.

The new health-care rules will require more companies to offer health-care insurance to employees. McDonald's also homed in on part of the law that requires restaurants to add calorie information to their menus. McDonald's also said it lobbied on proposed new federal guidelines that would curb marketing junk food to children. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Snow Removal in HRM

The season of snow is upon us and the safety of residents is HRM's top priority. In times of inclement weather, HRM crews will be busy working to keep the streets and sidewalks in our neighbourhoods free from snow and ice for the protection of all residents.

**Plan ahead!** Prepare now by securing off-street parking for when the overnight parking ban is in effect. Keeping your vehicles off the street during a winter event will improve conditions for everyone's safety and will help HRM to meet service delivery standards for snow removal.

### The winter parking regulations have changed for the 2011-12 season.

- the Parking Ban, which can be implemented anytime from Dec. 15 to March 31, will ONLY be enforced during declared snow and ice operations
- when the parking ban is in effect, it will run from **1 a.m. to 6 a.m.** – ending one hour earlier than in previous years
- weather conditions and clearing operations will determine how long an overnight ban will be in effect

HRM reminds residents that provincial legislation (Section 139 of the Motor Vehicle Act) requires that people remove their vehicles from the streets, day or night, in the event of a snow or ice event. Vehicles obstructing snow removal or winter maintenance operations can be removed at the owner's cost, regardless of time or date.

HRM thanks you for your cooperation and patience. Working together we can have a safe and enjoyable winter season.



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### Time. Out



► A shopper takes a rest with purchases at Northpark Mall in Ridgeland, Miss., on Nov. 25.

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## U.S. retail sales keep rising

Americans spent more on autos, furniture and clothing last month as retail sales rose for the sixth straight month.



# AREN'T YOU PEOPLE SUPPOSED TO BE STRAPPED FOR CASH?

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN  
METRO



Here's a Christmas question.

If 40 per cent of Canadians plan to do some or all of their holiday shopping online, up 11 per cent over last year, why am I stalled in this two-block

lineup waiting to turn into the mall?

You'd expect the malls to be decked with 40 per cent fewer shoppers. Not only that, there's a recession on, people. Aren't you supposed to be at home shivering in the dark instead of standing in front of me at the checkout, your arms full of holiday

goodies, while your annoying children cling to you, wheedling for more?

Something doesn't add up here.

Think about it. Walmart is open 24-7. You could shop at 3 a.m. and avoid me and the rush altogether. Of course, for all I know, there could be lineups at 3 a.m. too. I'm not curious enough to find out.

**"It's simply not necessary to go out at peak hours, which are defined as those times when I like to do my own Christmas shopping: between 2 and 4 p.m. on weekends, prior to or immediately after my afternoon nap."**

Then there's Amazon, eBay, Indigo, Best Buy, etc., where you can buy all your presents on your phone and angels in brown uniforms will deliver them overnight.

And you can pick up gift cards for anything from iTunes to African safaris at the gas station or the drug store.

It's simply not necessary to go out at peak hours, which are defined as those times when I like to do my own Christmas shopping: between 2 and 4 p.m. on weekends, prior to or immediately after my afternoon nap.

Somehow the message isn't getting through. This year, I may have to do my

Christmas shopping on Dec. 28, which is far enough away from Boxing Day, which is just another excuse for people to get in my way.

I'm sure friends and loved ones won't mind. There's usually a big letdown after all the presents are unwrapped, and there's not much to look forward to other than four to six more months of winter. Getting thoughtful gifts on December 28 will be a surprise treat.

Look, it's not all bad. When I got to the mall near my place this past weekend, it was a zoo, as expected, but some marketing genius decided to offer valet parking: eight bucks. Drive up, hand the family SUV over to a professional, and walk directly into the mall. Best eight bucks I ever spent.

And my wife had just enough Christmas spirit left to bake the traditional family dark Christmas cakes. I helped by waiting until she had them all wrapped and stored, and only then snuck into the kitchen and plundered at will.

There are some things you just can't do online.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at [metronews.ca/justsaying](http://metronews.ca/justsaying)



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What is your gift-purchasing strategy?



## Local tweets



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@fischprice: #Halifax is in need of some good hip hop shows. Without the Paragon/Marquee we're lackin' ..

@ThatAngryViking: So now #Halifax has had @ThatKevinSmith (twice) and @JayMewes when will we be getting @RalphGarman and @smosier to

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@ash\_leeroy: Really craving a spin around the #oval skates are sharpened and ready to go! #Halifax

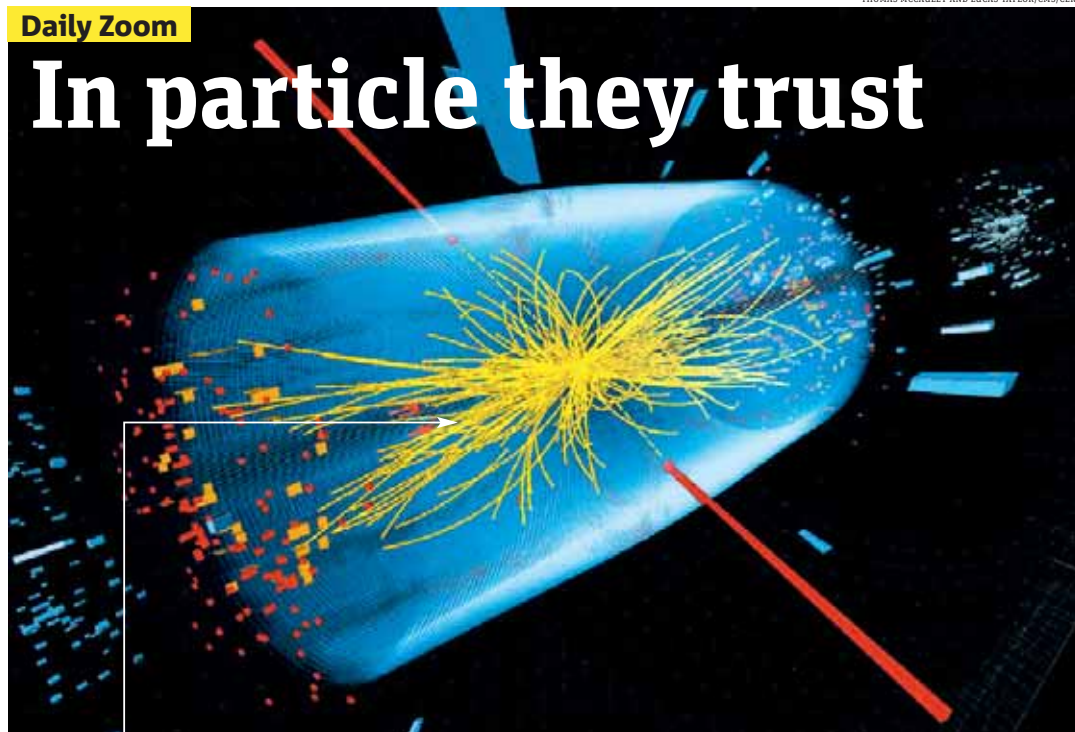
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@mattdagley: I'm enjoying the new Washmill Lake Drive underpass. Fastest way into Bayers Lake. #Halifax #bayerslake

@bangified: Massive skateboarding faceplant on Quinpool moments ago just witnessed #Halifax

## Daily Zoom

# In particle they trust



## Hints of God particle found

GENEVA. Science collides with faith in the God particle. After two experiments using the Large Hadron Collider, the world's biggest atom smasher, scientists at CERN physics centre say they have glimpses of the Higgs boson subatomic particle, the last missing link in understanding the universe.

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**"It would be extremely kind of the Higgs boson to be here. It's too early (to say for sure)."**

FABIOLA GIANOTTI,  
SCIENTIST AT LHC

## How they find new particles

SCIENCE. Scientists at CERN have been firing particles in opposite directions around a 27-kilometre-long underground tunnel, known as the Large Hadron Collider. When particles reach near the speed of light, they crash into each other. The resulting debris is then examined for new particles.

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## Higgs boson

- ▶ **Last undiscovered particle.** It's a mysterious particle thought to give all particles mass.
- ▶ **To give all things shape.** This helps particles form atoms, which shapes everything in universe.
- ▶ **Famous nicknames.** The brick that built the universe, Angel of creation.



# Charlize Theron: Closet nerd

► While talking about her latest film, *Young Adult*, Theron reveals excruciating details of her awkward youth and says that she doesn't need another Oscar

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It would probably be nice for Charlize Theron to get an Oscar for her performance in Jason Reitman's latest film, *Young Adult*.

Most critics seem to think she deserves one. But Theron herself notes: "I can't even think about anything like that ... And plus I have an Oscar," she says, referencing her win for 2003's *Monster*. She catches herself with a laugh. "That was such an asshole thing to say."

Maybe the 36-year-old is just channeling her inner jerk because that's the nature of her character in the film, Mavis Gary, a divorced, young adult author and all-around mess. Gary returns to her hometown to track down her high school boyfriend, now married with a new baby, in the hopes of rekindling their romance. While promoting the film, which was penned by Oscar-winning screenwriter Diablo Cody, Theron revealed some of her own Mavis-like behaviours.

**So much of the press for this film discusses what an unsympathetic character Mavis is. How do you see her?**

I thought that the things she did were pretty despicable but then again, not to the point where I was disgusted by her. I never had a hard time not liking her.



► Charlize Theron plays Mavis Gary in *Young Adult*.

I would love to go and have a beer with her. I would never let her hang out with my boyfriend. ...

What I liked when I read Diablo's script was the idea of a woman who is dealing with very common mid to late 30s issues that women can really relate to but because of how she went

through life, is dealing with them the way a 16-year-old would deal with them.

She says things like, "don't you know love conquers all?" I mean, it's like the typical 16-year-old would say that and here she is 37, trying to get her life together and she just doesn't have the tools to do it.

**With this and *Bridesmaids* we're seeing more of women behaving badly. Do you consider this a step forward?**

I talked a lot about this when I did *Monster*. I think people get kind of freaked out when they see real women, conflicted. I think women are almost way more conflicted than men

## Glasses girl

► Theron talks about her high school experience: "I wasn't in the popular crowd. I went to an arts school. I was obsessed with ballet. I wore really, really nerdy glasses. I was as blind as could be and boys don't really like big nerdy glasses. I had a massive crush on this guy that this interviewer who just did a story on me for *Vogue* actually found. This guy did not know I existed in school and he was all "yeah, tell her the crush was mutual." F— that. It was so not mutual. And then it was like, "I remember she wore those glasses."

and I think we come from a society where we're very comfortable with the Madonna/Whore complex.

We're either really good hookers or really good mothers. But we're not bad hookers and we're not bad mothers and we're nothing in between.

I grew up on cinema where guys got to do that — Gene Hackman and Dustin Hoffman and DeNiro got to play all those characters that I saw a little bit of myself in — those kinds of struggles and the lurking dark things.

I think women are getting a chance to play those kind of honest characters and also, people keep saying, "it's so brave!" It really isn't. It's just refreshing.



**Young Adult**

► Comedian, author and actor Patton Oswalt

**'GOOD TIMES CAN KEEP HAPPENING, JUST NOT THE SAME ONES'**

**"How f—king amazing was she in this movie?" Patton Oswalt asks when one of Charlize Theron's scenes in *Young Adult* is mentioned. Playing the sidekick to a woman on a mission to seduce her married high school boyfriend, Oswalt went to great lengths to get his character right.**

**You used an acting coach for the first time with this role. Why did you think this character merited that kind of preparation?** Because the script was so good but there was so much nuance and so

much of a delicate tightrope back and forth between despair and humour. The humour never came out of "let's stick a joke here." The humour came out of real human behaviour. I had this mix of exhilaration for being offered the script and then terror. I didn't want to do wrong by it because it was so well-written.

**The film has to do with sentimentality and trying to bring the past into the present. Are you ever tempted to do that?** It's very dangerous. I'm

just as guilty of it as anyone else. I think Frank Zappa said, "some day we're all going to die of nostalgia." Nostalgia is also an anagram for lost again. You have to keep moving forward because a big part of life is loss... It's almost like if you want the same good times to keep happening, that's what's dangerous. Good times can keep happening, just not the same ones and if you expect to be the same person having the same good time, then that's also really dangerous.

● HEIDI PATALANO

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## Box office



Charlie Sheen is returning to CTV with his new sitcom *Anger Management*. Sheen made the announcement Monday night with an on-air message that aired after his old show *Two and a Half Men*. Sheen was famously fired from the show after his volatile personal life and ridicule of the show's producer exploded in the tabloids. His new sitcom is loosely based on the 2003 film of the same name. Sheen plays an anger management therapist whose methods wreak havoc on the lives of his patients. "You seem like the nicest people in the world," Sheen said in the short broadcast. "But I know the truth. You're holding in a lot of anger. Why else would you drink so much beer, put on shoes with sharp blades, and smack each other around with wooden sticks?"

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Bosnian Serb war victim says Angelina Jolie's film should be banned, says it vilifies Serbs.



# Bullock suffers from first world problems

► To spoil kids or not? ► Actress struggles with hard questions at Christmas

Sandra Bullock is torn over what sort of Christmas to give her 2-year-old son, Louis.

"The less you give, the less they'll expect. And that way, if I give him nothing, he won't remember and he won't expect it next year and it's cheaper," Bullock tells Access Hollywood of the more frugal option. On the other hand, "I want the photo ops to be really great because he's not going to remember it, but he'll remember it by the photos and when he's 16 and says, 'I hate you — you're a horrible mother,'" she jokes. "I'll go, 'Do you see this Christmas? Do you see that I got you that life-size lion? Shut up! Get in your room and do your homework. I was a good mother then.'" **METRO**

**"I want the photo ops to be really great because he's not going to remember it but he'll remember it by the photos"**

SANDRA BULLOCK



► Sandra Bullock

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## Talking points



## Winslet leaves wounds of the heart, ex says

**SUCK IT UP NANCY.** To hear ex-boyfriend Louis Dowler tell it, Kate Winslet is a real heartbreaker.

"I don't think Kate behaved well and it is still very raw for me," Dowler tells the Daily Mail.

The pair dated after Winslet's divorce from director Sam Mendes, though she's since moved on to dating Ned Rocknroll, Richard Branson's nephew.

"I was in love with her and you can't switch that off overnight. I'm not sure Kate treated me well," admits Dowler.

"She met my parents and family. I thought we were inseparable. I certainly haven't found anyone else since."

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## Ryan Reynolds getting Lively

**BLAKE LIGHTING HIS LANTERN** Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds were reportedly "very cuddly" during a midmorning double date in NYC recently with Lively's older sister and brother-in-law, according to Us Weekly.

The Green Lantern co-stars and happy couple

were "poking each other, giggling, and

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"Made the switch to iPhone ...now just waiting to grow thumbs..."

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"NEWS: Discovery of a black hole the size of nearly 10 billion Suns. Oh, please. Yawn. I'm nominated for a Grammy."

even seen leaning on each other in the booth," a source says.

The brunch wasn't without incident, though, as Lively "hit her head on a lamp as (she sat down in the booth) and put a napkin jokingly on her head."

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# Cuba, without kids

► Take a break from the hustle of family life with a kid-free holiday ► It will make you a better parent

You've spent sleepless nights nursing sick kids, early mornings getting everyone out the door for work and school, and weekends juggling activities, chores and homework.

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metres of beaches, a commercial downtown and friendly staff determined to make sure tourists enjoy themselves enough to return time and time again.

Tourism is a key driver of Cuba's economy and Varadero's resorts know how to make people feel welcome. All you can drink and eat packages, with options like water sports, pool activities and nightclubs, give revellers enough choice to enjoy their time away.

Some recommend the more tranquil, secluded beaches of Cayo Coco, but Varadero also has the advantage of being about a two-hour drive from Havana, a must-see for anyone interested in Cuban culture.

Havana's old city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage

site, is steeped in history, beautiful architecture and filled with outdoor cafes, restaurants and cigar shops — including the famous Bodeguita del Medio, where Ernest Hemingway supposedly spent a fair amount of time drinking mojitos.

Hemingway fans can also visit the Hotel Ambos Mundos where the writer stayed, visit his room and peruse old photographs, including one of the Cuban fisherman said to have inspired one of the author's best-known books, *The Old Man and the Sea*.

With the option of a day trip to Havana, Varadero offers the perfect combination of relaxing beach vacation and cultural experience, a great balance for overtired, stressed-out parents looking to recharge.



► The beaches of Varadero can soothe away your worries of leaving the kids at home while you take an adult break.

It's also the kind of initiative parenting expert Alyson Schafer says parents need to take for their well-being, as well as that of their children.

"Everybody feels guilty, certainly the first time, and probably more if (the kids) are younger," said Schafer, a psychotherapist and the

author of the book *Ain't Misbehavin'.*

"It's just a matter of giving parents the confidence that it's a healthy thing to be able to hand our kids off and trust that it takes a village, other people can actually care for our kids and they'll be fine."

It's also important for

children, because it helps them realize that their parents can leave and come back and that others can also look after them.

When the parents return, they're also more relaxed and bonded as a couple, which makes for a better family dynamic.

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# Keep it simple — and impress

► This meat dish, which looks fancy but doesn't require much work, is ideal for entertaining

## HOLIDAY HELPER

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Simple and tasty are key to helping you entertain this season and beef is the perfect choice!

Ask your butcher for a tri-tip roast for this recipe as the texture of meat is tender and juicy.

You can also use your favourite beef roasts such as a strip loin, rib or sirloin tip roast.

Serve it up with mashed potatoes or creamy polenta.

### Preparation:

**1** In small bowl, stir together oil, pesto,

### Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) each extra virgin olive oil, sundried tomato pesto, aged balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) soy sauce

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) roasted garlic and peppers spice mix
- 1 tsp (5 mL) herbes de provence
- 1 bottom sirloin tri-tip oven roast about 2 lb/1 kg

vinegar, soy sauce, spice mix and herbes de provence until combined. Spread all over roast and place on rack in roasting pan.

**2** Oven sear the roast by placing it in a preheated 450 F (230 C) oven for 10 minutes.

**3** Reduce heat to 275 F (140 C) and cook for about 1 hour and 45 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 145 F (63 C) for medium rare or to desired doneness.

**4** Remove from oven, cover loosely with foil and let rest for about 15 minutes. Slice thinly to serve. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR & TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

### Holiday prep

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### Drink of the week

#### Isle of Mull

Scotch is the perfect winter drink, whether it's après-ski or after-dinner. Sadly, the liquor was mostly forgotten by the cocktail revolution. For something more contemporary than a Rusty Nail, try this drink.

- 1.25 oz blended Scotch whisky
- .5 oz Bénédictine
- .25 oz Stone's Green Ginger Wine
- dash of Fee's Plum Bitters
- dash of cherry juice

Build in a rocks glass, and garnish with sour cherries soaked in whisky. **JOE HOWELL, TORONTO BARTENDER**

JOE HOWELL



# For all the nibblers

► Tender pancakes, topped with lemon cream cheese and smoked salmon, are great with sparkling wine



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### Preparation:

**1** In a bowl, dissolve yeast in water and stir in 1 ¼ cups (300 mL) of buttermilk. Let stand 10 mins or until begins to froth.

**2** In another bowl, combine all purpose and buckwheat flours and salt. Sift flour mix into buttermilk mix and stir until combined. Stir in remaining buttermilk.

**3** Whisk egg yolks into batter. Cover and set aside in warm place to rise for about 1 hour or until batter is bubbly.

**4** Beat egg whites until stiff peaks; fold into batter. Cover and let rise 1 hr.

**5** Brush nonstick skillet with melted butter; heat over a medium

high heat. Spoon 1 tbsp (15 mL) of batter for each blini and cook 1 min., until bubbles break through. Turn blini over; brown 30 more seconds. Remove from pan and overlap on a plate; repeat with remaining batter.

**6** In bowl, combine cream cheese, lemon rind and juice. Spread some

### Ingredients:

- 2 tsp (10 mL) traditional active dry yeast
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) lukewarm water
- 1 ¾ cup (425 mL)

- lukewarm buttermilk
- 1 cup (250 mL) each all purpose & buckwheat flour
- 1 tsp (5 mL) salt
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) butter, melted

- ½ cup (125 mL) cream cheese
- 1 ½ tsp (7 mL) grated lemon rind
- 1 tsp (5 mL) lemon juice
- 1 lb (500 g) thinly sliced smoked salmon

cream cheese mix onto each blini. Roll sliced

salmon around finger to create a rosette and

place on each blini. **EMILY RICHARDS**

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# Talk the talk, reap the benefits

► Honesty and a genuine attempt at listening to co-workers can lead to greater things than just a happy office

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN NEW YORK

It's a common workplace complaint in almost any industry: "There's no communication around here."

But as much as it might be lamented in the cubicles, managers are frequently baffled by the gripe, says Dianna Booher, a productivity and communications consultant and author of more than 40 books, including the newly revised *Communicate with Confidence!*

"It's a recurring issue. When I talk to CEOs, they're always puzzled. They say, 'How can people say that? We give out in-



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**"I can sum it up for them in four words: Information is not communication."**

**AUTHOR DIANNA BOOHER'S  
ADVICE TO CONFUSED CEOs**

truth," says Booher. "If you withhold bad news, people go to other sources."

**Make sure you have discussions**

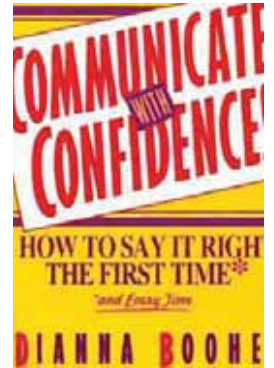
Evaluate your conversations with your co-workers: Is there a back-and-forth and some healthy debate on occasion?

It's a good sign if people think your opinion is worth changing.

"If you feel like everybody agrees with you, something's wrong," says Booher. "There's a one-way communication system there, and that's not what you want."

**Care, or at least get good at pretending you do**

"It's a cliché that people don't care what you say, they have to know that you care about them when



you say it — but it's true," says Booher. "If your staff thinks you only care about the numbers, then they'll tune you out."

**Why it's worth it**

Good communication is more than just a nice idea to throw around at company retreats.

"Companies are far more profitable when there's good communication," says Booher. "Employees are more productive and there's less turnover. Most of the time, people don't leave companies because they don't like the work — they leave because they don't like the culture."

► Take a look at your team. If you notice that someone in the back isn't being heard, encourage them to speak their mind.

formation all the time," says Booher.

"I can sum it up for them in four words: Information is not communication."

That said, don't be that guy whining about the lack of communication. Nobody likes that guy. Instead, be proactive and

raise the bar with these tips.

"People talk about voter apathy all the time, but a lot of times you see it in the workplace," says Booher. "But you can change things."

**Tell the truth — the whole truth**

It's not enough to tell your co-workers that you'll hit the deadline. You also need to mention that in order to do so, you had to alter the project and rely on your strung-out intern to do sensitive research. "It's got to be the truth, but it also has to be the entire, current



**Top 5: December 13<sup>th</sup>**

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► Mooseheads improve to 21-9-3 with win over Titan ► Two teams clash again Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Bathurst

## Canada makes first round of cuts at WJC camp

The youngest player at selection camp took his release from the Canadian junior hockey team the hardest.

Red Deer Rebels defenceman Mathew Dumba, one of seven players cut from the squad in Calgary yesterday morning, was a longshot to make it at age 17.

Of the defencemen invited to try out, seven are first-round NHL draft picks, which made Dumba's task more onerous.

Even though the Calgarian has two more years ahead of him to play for his country at the world junior championship, it was of little consolation to him.

"It doesn't make it too much easier," Dumba said. "I really wanted to make this team. I felt I was ready to maybe play as that seventh defenceman."

"It was real hard to wake myself up this morning and pack myself up. It's emotional, but I'll get through it. This experience is great."

Also released were Rimouski Oceanic defencemen Jerome Gauthier-Leduc and Brenden Kichton as well as forwards Max Reinhart of the Kootenay Ice, Mark McNeill of the Prince Albert Raiders, Michael Ferland of the Brandon Wheat Kings and Zach Phillips of the Saint John Sea Dogs. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► New Mooseheads forward Jonathan Drouin chases down a puck in the Bathurst zone during the second period of last night at the Metro Centre. Drouin picked up two assists in his QMJHL debut to help the team to a 4-3 win.

# Big plays from new duo lift Moose to win



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Practice is supposed to make perfect, but apparently it's not a requirement for Alexandre Grenier and Jonathan Drouin.

The 20-year-old Grenier scored twice off set-ups from Drouin, including the game-winning goal with just 3:31 left, as the Halifax Mooseheads beat the Bathurst Titan 4-3 at the Metro Centre last night.

Drouin, who was making his long-awaited QMJHL debut, has yet to practice with the team.

"I can't see Grenier complaining too much about Drouin if he keeps feeding him the puck like that," quipped captain Cameron

**"Critchlow's goal was the most important. It brought the enthusiasm back on the bench and got the guys going for the rest of the game."**

**MOOSEHEADS FORWARD ALEXANDRE GRENIER ON CAMERON CRITCHLOW'S GAME-TYING GOAL AT THE 6:50 MARK OF THE THIRD.**

Critchlow, the game's first star, afterward. "He made a big statement with two big assists and played great ... He comes as advertised."

The 16-year-old Drouin has a well-documented past as the second overall pick in June's draft who no-showed at training camp, choosing instead to play midjet AAA in Quebec.

Grenier, Halifax's second-leading scorer, deposited one into a gaping cage on a perfect cross-crease setup from Drouin at 8:27 of the first period. On the

winner, Drouin skated down his wing on a rush and delivered a rink-wide feed Grenier, who ripped it past the glove of Titan goalie Jacob Brennan.

"We haven't practised, but he has excellent vision and he makes excellent passes," said Grenier, who was named second star. "He makes the right decision every time. He's a special kid."

Drouin, a five-foot-10 left-winger, downplayed his performance afterward, saying it was "good" but

"could be better."

"It was going well with Grenier tonight," he said. "It was about communication — he was calling me for the puck and I was giving it to him. That's pretty much it."

The Mooseheads, who trailed 2-1 and 3-2, had nine man advantages and converted twice. Critchlow's power-play goal at 6:50 of the third tied it 3-3 and ignited the Mooseheads, who weren't happy with their play in the first and second periods against a sub-500 opponent.

"Not the best effort," Critchlow said. "It's good to win, but we didn't have 20 guys going. Down the road, we're going to need everyone going to be successful."

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### Cuts to come

The final cuts this morning will determine the 22-player team that will represent Canada at the world junior championship starting Boxing Day in Alberta.

► Thirty-five players — four goalies, 11 defencemen and 20 forwards — remain at camp. Two goaltenders, seven defencemen and 13 forwards will make the team.

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# Plenty of sympathy for Sid

► NHLers concerned after Crosby's setback ► 'It's honestly the worst injury on earth': Reimer

News of Sidney Crosby's latest health setback has spread quickly through NHL dressing rooms.

And yesterday morning, NHLers were passing along well-wishes for the Pittsburgh Penguins star. More than anything, Crosby's peers hope his return comes quickly.

"This guy's got a drive for the game like no other," said Maple Leafs winger Colby Armstrong, a former Crosby teammate. "It's what he loves to do. I think it's probably where he feels most comfortable — when he's on the ice — as a person. I think obviously when you get that taken away from you, it's frustrating and tough."

"All the money in the world can't fix that. I think everybody in the league, whether you know him or don't know him, hopes he comes back and he's healthy."

Crosby announced Monday that his comeback had been stalled indefinitely following a recurrence of concussion-like symptoms. It came just three weeks after the Penguins captain made a stunning comeback with two goals and two assists against the Islanders in his first game since Jan. 5.

In all, he had two goals



► Boston's David Krejci, left, collides with Sidney Crosby in Pittsburgh Dec. 5.

and 10 assists through eight games before getting injured during a game against Boston last week.

"I feel bad for him," said Leafs goalie James Reimer, who missed six weeks this season with a head injury. "Concussion, concussion-like symptoms — anything to do with your head it's (awful). It's honestly the worst injury on earth be-

cause there's nothing you can do for it. You feel pretty helpless."

The issue of concussions in the sport has been making major news for the second straight season. Philadelphia Flyers captain Chris Pronger, Penguins defenceman Kris Letang and Rangers defenceman Marc Staal are among the others currently sidelined with

head injuries.

Staal's brother Eric, who delivered the hit that injured him, acknowledged that it's tough to ignore the rash of concussions.

"It seems like a lot of guys," said Eric Staal, the Carolina Hurricanes captain. "You can't play the game being scared, you can't play the game being worried about getting hit."



**"You feel bad for (Crosby) and at the same time you feel bad for the game too, because he's arguably the best player in the league."**

MAPLE LEAFS GOALIE JAMES REIMER

That just gets you in trouble and get you hurt. ... Unfortunately, some things like that happen and you deal with it when they do."

Maple Leafs defenceman Luke Schenn agreed, noting that it seems to "happen all the time now." His younger brother Brayden — a rookie forward with the Flyers — is nearing a return from a concussion.

Schenn added his voice to the ones hoping that Crosby isn't far behind him.

"You feel bad for him," he said. "You never want it to happen to anyone and especially the best player in our game. It's tough to see and you wish him a healthy recovery as soon as possible."

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## Giroux latest star felled by concussion

Philadelphia Flyers star Claude Giroux is out indefinitely with a concussion.

Flyers general manager Paul Holmgren said yesterday that Giroux's symptoms have become worse since he suffered a head injury against Tampa Bay last week.

"He skated a little bit today; didn't feel that good. Just didn't feel like himself," Holmgren said.

The immediate treatment will be rest.

"We're just going to take it easy with Claude," Holmgren said. "We'll probably just give him some time off (today) and revisit again (tomorrow). Obviously we're concerned."

Giroux took an inadvertent knee to the head from teammate Wayne Simmonds near the end of the second period on Saturday.

Giroux leads the Flyers with 16 goals and 23 assists. His 39 points were three ahead of Toronto's Phil Kessel for the NHL lead heading into last night.

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# B.C. Lions announce their new coach

- Benevides takes over from Buono
- Had been defensive co-ordinator

Mike Benevides was dressed smartly in a suit for his introduction as B.C. Lions head coach yesterday.

But he will be sporting more of a Bill Belichick look on the sidelines during the 2012 CFL season.

As expected, the Lions promoted their defensive co-ordinator to the club's top coaching position. Benevides replaces Wally Buono, the winningest coach in CFL history, who stepped down following last month's Grey Cup win over Winnipeg to concentrate full-time on his duties as the club's general manager.

Benevides is affectionately dubbed "Little Wally" because his views on football are strikingly similar to those of his mentor. But the Toronto native vows to be himself in his new job, meaning he'll continue to dress casually on the sidelines.

"I'm going to go with the hoodie," said Benevides, who wore an orange and black tie during the news conference at the club's practice facility. "That's what I feel comfortable in."

"You want to be comfortable working."

And no one looks more comfortable on the sidelines than Belichick, the New England Patriots head coach who routinely wears a hooded sweatshirt during games, often with the sleeves cut short.

Benevides earned his promotion with the Lions after serving nine seasons as an assistant, the last four as defensive co-ordinator.

And Benevides' appointment was hardly a surprise. He had been deemed B.C.'s head coach in waiting since 2008 when he turned down a chance for the top job with the Toronto Argonauts.

In fact, Buono, who also

## Background

Buono said Benevides' background, which includes operating his own industrial painting business, was a factor in his getting the job.

- The son of Portuguese immigrants, Benevides grew up in inner-city Toronto and earned a scholarship as a nose tackle at Bakersfield College before turning to coaching.

- He served as a defensive assistant at his high school, Central Tech, as well as York University, where he also studied business.

has the added title of vice-president of football operations, admitted he didn't interview any other candidates to be his successor.

"Mike's been a tremendous warrior," said Buono. "He's been a tremendous soldier."

"When I think of giving someone an opportunity, I can say this: He's earned this opportunity."

Benevides said he turned down the Argos' job because he felt the Lions provided him with a better coaching opportunity. However, Benevides said he was never guaranteed the Lions' head coaching position.

Buono said while he felt Benevides could one day replace him, but added he only made the final decision to promote Benevides recently.

"I had to go on blind faith in the sense that I was making a decision based on what I knew about Toronto and what I felt in my heart," said Benevides. "This opportunity was never promised to me."

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► Mike Benevides, newly appointed head coach of the B.C. Lions, listens in on general manager Wally Buono yesterday.



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► The 2013 Audi Q5 Hybrid will be available in Canada next summer.

# Gazing into the not-so-distant future

- Audi prepares to enter the hybrid fray in Canada next year with its Q5 Hybrid
- As writer Jil McIntosh tells us, it's definitely fun to drive, especially in 'Sport' mode



When they were introduced, gasoline-electric hybrids were small, basic cars. As the technology matured, so did the vehicles, and today, most premium brands include hybrids in their lineup — as Audi will, when the hybrid version of its Q5 compact SUV goes on sale next summer.

Although they pay more for their vehicles initially, premium-vehicle owners still don't want to spend a lot at the pumps, and they appreciate the fuel savings a hybrid can provide.

That said, while exact pricing is yet to come, the Q5 Hybrid will cost around \$55,000, about \$10,000 more than the non-hybrid Q5 upon which it's based.

There has to be more than just fuel economy, and in this case, it's per-

formance.

The Q5 Hybrid uses the turbocharged, direct-injection 2.0-litre four-cylinder from the regular Q5, with an eight-speed automatic transmission and the company's "Quattro" all-wheel-drive.

An electric motor is sandwiched between the engine and transmission, fed by a 72-cell lithium-ion battery pack mounted under the cargo floor.

The engine produces 211 horsepower and 258

- **Engine:** Turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder with hybrid system.
- **Power:** 211 hp/258 torque (gasoline engine); 245 hp/354 torque (maximum hybrid combined).
- **Fuel consumption:** TBA
- **On sale:** Summer 2012

lb-ft of torque, but when you mash the throttle, the electric motor can add a brief boost to 245 horsepower and 354 lb-ft of torque.

Since electric motors make their peak power right from the start — unlike gasoline engines, which have to rev up — the power surge is immediate.

This hybrid is great fun to drive.

It's a "full" hybrid (but you don't plug it into the

wall), capable of starting and running solely on its battery at 60 km/h for up to three kilometres.

If you're already cruising, it can switch over to electricity at speeds of up to 100 km/h. Come to a stop and the gasoline engine shuts off, although all the electronics continue to function, including the electrically-operated air conditioning.

An animated display in the dash shows what type of power is being used.

The switch from gas to electric happens automatically, although if all the driving conditions are appropriate, you can hit a button to keep it in electric-only mode.

The Q5 is one of my favourites to drive, and when I piloted an early production version on an

event in Spain, I discovered that the Hybrid is just more of the same. It's intelligently sized, it wraps around corners almost like a sports car, and it's light and agile even though the hybrid system adds 130 kilograms. The electric steering is tuned to feel hydraulic, with excellent weight and feedback.

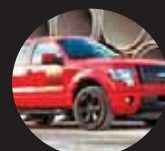
If you don't mind using a bit more gas, you can put the Q5 into "Sport" mode, which makes it feel even sharper on the curves.

The price will be a major factor, and the Q5 Hybrid will probably remain a relatively rare model on Canadian roads, but it's meant to pave the way for yet another innovation: the all-electric Audi E-Tron sports car, which will make the leap from concept to production next year.

Estimated price: \$55,000

# 5 drive

## Award Winner



### Ford F-150 nabs Motor Trend honour

The Ford F-150 was named 2012 Truck of the Year by Motor Trend this week. The magazine felt the F-150 best met the award's six key criteria: engineering excellence, advancement in design, efficiency, safety, value, and performance of intended function. "The bottom line is that the F-150 simply excels at being ... a truck. It mastered every task we subjected it to," said Edward Loh, Motor Trend's editor-in-chief. **METRO**

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# A smart design in a small space

► Because the Scion iQ is so tiny, engineers had to get creative

## DRIVING FORCE

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One of the major issues when designing a vehicle is space. Cars have a lot of components and only so much room in which to fit them. It was a considerable challenge for Toyota with the tiny iQ recently introduced in its Scion brand.

"We used a collection of different engineering approaches for different components, which allowed us to make this size of vehicle but still have the functionality of a larger vehicle," says John-Paul Farag, manager of advanced technology and powertrain for Toyota Canada.

"The vehicle must have fuel efficiency, agility and safety within a small package."



► Fuel efficiency, agility and safety are all a part of the iQ's small package.

The first challenge was designing what Toyota says is the world's smallest air conditioning system. It isn't enough to simply downsize everything. If there isn't enough space between the fan blades, or if the blades are too thin, the system won't get enough air and it won't

work properly.

The company had to come up with a new manufacturing technique to produce smaller but more rigid blades.

The blower and a/c unit were integrated into a single unit that fits behind the dash. Getting cold air to the occupants was also

challenging. The engineers came up with a simplified design that reduced the number of curves in the ductwork, improving the airflow.

"There are always trade-offs," Farag says.

"You can't use a unit this small to cool a large SUV, but we think because



► The Scion iQ boasts what Toyota deems as the world's smallest air conditioning system.

of what we did with this unit, you may see some of these improvements incorporated into other vehicles."

The engine is a compact design, and a continuously variable transmission (CVT), which uses pulleys instead of gears, and was chosen not only for its fuel efficiency but because it's smaller than a regular automatic transmission.

The fuel tank is wider but much shallower than most tanks to fit under the rear seat and trunk without affecting interior space.

Space-saving tricks must also take passengers into account: the front seats were slimmed down for more interior space but their design still had to be comfortable.

### Did you know?

► It takes more fuel to move a car with a full tank of gas, due to its weight. The tanks are designed to carry just enough fuel for average driving use, since a larger tank will reduce fuel efficiency.

A flat-bottom steering wheel provides more legroom for the driver. The dash uses an asymmetrical design that sits the front passenger further ahead than the driver for more rear-seat room, without affecting the driver's visibility.

"We were dealt a challenge with this vehicle for space, and we dealt with it by new engineering and designs," Farag says.

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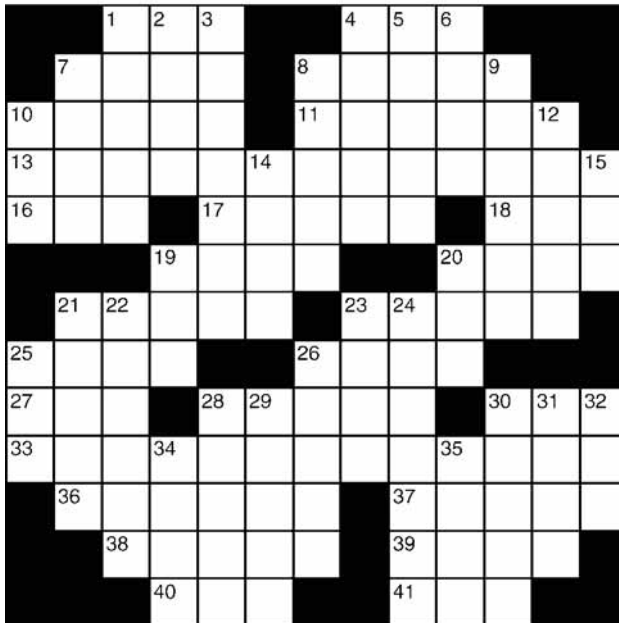
## Crossword

### Across

- 1 Suitable  
4 Young boxer?  
7 Litigious sort  
8 Middle Eastern dish  
10 Bethlehem's region  
11 Ball game segment  
13 New Orleans neighborhood  
16 Barbie's companion  
17 Hosiery shade  
18 Shaft of light  
19 "An Inconvenient Truth" narrator  
20 Enticement  
21 Chris of tennis lore  
23 19th President  
25 Leave out  
26 Cartoonist Goldberg  
27 Help  
28 Inscribed pillar  
30 "Suburgatory" ailer  
33 Ice cream flavor  
36 Evening affair  
37 Sorrow  
38 Slow critter  
39 Ear-related  
40 Spring mo.  
41 A Bobsey twin

### Down

- 1 Poet W.H.  
2 Hammerhead part  
3 Farm vehicle  
4 Piece of cheese-cake?  
5 Arm bones  
6 Twosome



- 7 Confident  
8 Sharp irritation  
9 False  
10 NYC airport  
12 Toothed wheels  
14 Rodgers partner  
15 "Catcher in the —"  
19 Obtain  
20 Caustic solution  
21 Eastern potentates  
22 "America's Funniest Home —"  
23 Island dance  
24 Desert  
25 LummoX  
26 Carouse  
28 Discard  
29 Alternative to "his/her"  
30 Texas Hold 'em declaration  
31 United nations  
32 Automobile  
34 1942 vessel  
35 Tittle

### ► Yesterday's answer



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**♈ Aries** March 21-April 20 You may find it hard to get a straight answer out of certain people over the next 24 hours.

**♉ Taurus** April 21-May 21 Someone's dishonesty may shock you greatly, but you really should have noticed it before. Open your eyes.

**♊ Gemini** May 22-June 21 A colleague may be too vocal in his or her criticism, but there's an element of truth in what is said.

**♋ Cancer** June 22-July 22 If you take on too much, you will sooner or later reach a point where it starts to go wrong.

**♌ Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 Don't let anyone talk you out of doing something on which you have your heart set. You know it'll work.

**♍ Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Someone in a position of power may be critical of your work today but don't let it get to you. Maybe he or she has a valid point.

**♎ Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 This is one of those times that if you let negative events get to you, your mood could be darkened for days.

**♏ Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Yes, much may be falling apart — but much more still works beautifully.

**♐ Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Push ahead with your plans today, even though others say you are aiming way too high.

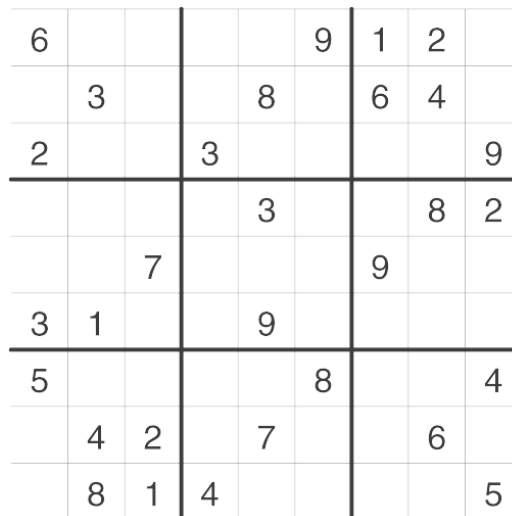
**♑ Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You're too negative in your outlook. Don't let it get out of hand.

**♒ Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You should seek assistance from people whose knowledge about specific topics is superior to yours.

**♓ Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. Someone will deceive you today. Keep your annoyance to yourself. Revenge is a dish best served cold.

● SALLY BROMPTON

## Sudoku



## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

### Yesterday's answer ►



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Niko, Hi, babe i just want to say how happy i am to be with you, you're the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. I love you. Happy anniversary. :) SHOWSTOPPER

Robbie-Bear  
to my husband of just over 4 months, and my best friend of more...no I don't think you're too intense, I will always appreciate your loves. We just need to allow each other room to grow together in marriage. Hope you are having a good day at McD's. BOOBSTRESS

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